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The **Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (SBSO)** provides law enforcement for the [unincorporated areas](#) of [Santa Barbara County, California](#), as well as several cities within the county. The [cities](#) that the Sheriff's Office provides police services for include [Buellton](#), [Carpinteria](#), [Goleta](#) and [Solvang](#).^[4] In total the 640 full-time employees of the Sheriff's Office are responsible for 2,745 square miles (7,110 km²) of the county.^[5]

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

Common name Santa Barbara County Sheriff

Abbreviation SBSO

Patch of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

Flag of Santa Barbara County, California

Motto *"Keeping the Peace Since 1850"*

Agency overview

Formed 1850^[1]

Employees 640 (2012)^[2]

Annual budget US\$112,730,087 (2012)^[2]

Legal personality Governmental: [Government agency](#)

Jurisdictional structure

Operations jurisdiction* County of Santa Barbara in the state of California, United States of America

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Map of Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office's jurisdiction.

Size 2,745 sq mi (7,110 km²)^[2]

Legal jurisdiction [Santa Barbara County, California](#)

General nature [Law enforcement](#)
Civilian agency

Operational structure

Headquarters [Goleta, California](#)

Agency executive Bill Brown, [Sheriff](#)

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Facilities

Stations **7**
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Helicopters **4**

Website

www.sbsheriff.org

Footnotes

* **Divisional agency:** Division of the country, over which the agency has usual operational jurisdiction.

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History [\[edit\]](#)

Founded in 1850, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office is the oldest law enforcement agency in the state.^[1] In its early days, the department battled outlaws [Salomon Pico](#) and [Jack Powers](#). Initially having a single Sheriff, aided only by a jailer and guard in charge of the chain gang, the department now has over 600 full-time employees.

Organization [\[edit\]](#)

North County Operations Division [\[edit\]](#)

The North County Operations Division starts at the [Gaviota Tunnel](#) and extends north to the [San Luis Obispo County](#) line as well as east to the [Kern County](#) and [Ventura County](#) lines. The division has patrol stations in [Buellton](#), [Lompoc](#), [New Cuyama](#), [Santa Maria](#) and [Solvang](#).^[6]

South County Operations Division [\[edit\]](#)

The South County Operations Division boundaries extend south from [Gaviota Tunnel](#) to the [Ventura County](#) line and west, from the crest of the [Santa Ynez Mountains](#) to three islands in the [Santa Barbara Channel](#) with patrol stations in [Carpinteria](#), [Goleta](#) and [Isla Vista](#).^[6]

Rank structure [\[edit\]](#)

Title	Insignia
Sheriff	
Undersheriff	
Chief Deputy	
Commander	
Lieutenant	
Sergeant	
Senior Deputy	
Deputy	

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